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FOLLOWING SENT SECSTATE, JUNE 3, FROM BUCHAREST RPTD TO  
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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: ALLON VISIT: JEWISH EMIGRATION

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1. ISRAELI AMBASSADOR COHEN TELLS ME EMIGRATION QUESTION  
RAISED INITIALLY BY MACOVESCU, WHO REITERATED CONTINUITY  
OF ROMANIAN POLICY OF PERMITTING EMIGRATION TO ISRAEL.  
AS IN HIS TALKS WITH ME HE MAINTAINED TO ALLON THAT  
SLOW DOWN HAD BEEN CAUSED BY SUSPENSION OF PASSPORT  
COMMISSION'S ACTIVITIES, BUT SINCE COMMISSION HAD  
RESUMED WORK EARLIER THIS YEAR 1200 APPROVALS HAD BEEN  
GRANTED AND MORE WOULD BE FORTHCOMING. IN CONTEXT OF  
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BROADER ROMANIAN FOREIGN RELATIONS, MACOVESCU ALSO

REFERRED TO ROMANIAN UNWILLINGNESS TO GIVE IN TO PRESSURE TACTICS, AND IN THIS CONNECTION MENTIONED IN PASSING EFFORTS OF SOME US SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN. NONETHELESS, HE SAID, ROMANIA WOULD MAKE A SERIOUS EFFORT TO SOLVE REQUESTS FOR EMIGRATION TO ISRAEL. HE SAID ON THE BASIS OF GOR FIGURES, HOWEVER, THERE WERE NOT ALL THAT MANY ACTIVE APPLICANTS.

2. ALLON, WHILE EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR POSITIVE APPROACH, SAID THAT WHAT COUNTED WAS ACTUAL DEPARTURES FOR ISRAEL, AND AMBASSADOR COHEN CITED BACK TO MACOVESCU EARLIER MFA-PROVIDED FIGURE OF 11,000 PENDING APPLICANTS. ALLON SUGGESTED THE BEST WAY TO SEE WHETHER THERE WERE LARGE OR SMALL NUMBERS THAT WANTED TO EMIGRATE TO ISRAEL WAS TO CREATE A SUFFICIENTLY POSITIVE ATMOSPHERE SO PEOPLE WOULD NOT HESITATE TO APPLY. AS FOR US CONGRESS, HE MENTIONED THAT IT WAS A SOVEREIGN BODY, BUT THAT IF MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS ASKED FOR INFORMATION FROM ISRAELI OFFICIALS THEY WOULD GET OBJECTIVE ACCOUNT OF THE EMIGRATION SITUATION.

3. TALK WITH CEAUSESCU COVERED ESSENTIALLY SAME GROUND, AND IN LAST INFORMAL SESSION MACOVESCU AGAIN URGED ALLON TO BELIEVE THAT ROMANIA WOULD RESPOND POSITIVELY TO EMIGRATION REQUESTS.

4. ISRAELI AMBASSADOR'S OWN EVALUATION IS THAT THERE WILL BE A SERIOUS ROMANIAN EFFORT TO CONVINCE ISRAELIS (AND THE US CONGRESS) OF SIGNIFICANT FORWARD MOVEMENT. HE IS MORE SKEPTICAL AS TO HOW LONG, EVEN WITH SUCH AN EFFORT, IT WILL TAKE BEFORE APPROVALS GET TRANSLATED INTO DEPARTURES, GIVEN THE CUMBERSOME ROMANIAN BUREAUCRATIC METHODS BEFORE EMIGRANTS ACTUALLY HAVE PASSPORTS IN HAND AND LEAVE, NOT TO MENTION THE DELAYS IN DEPARTURES CONNECTED WITH INDIVIDUAL SITUATIONS. HE DID SAY HOWEVER, THAT THE NUMBER OF APPROVALS IS ALREADY 1800 (NOT 1200 AS MACOVESCU STATED) AND THAT THIS IS IN ADDITION TO 300 WHO HAVE ALREADY LEFT THIS YEAR.

5. MIDDLE EAST ASPECTS OF VISIT COVERED IN SEPTTEL.  
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